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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Elizabeth King, et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/425,622

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for
response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on October 23, 2001, and
having an original period for response of 3 months, which was set to expire on
January 23, 2002, be extended by 3 month(s), such that it expires on April 23, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$920.00 as
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Respectfully submitted,

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